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1. Scientific-technical cooperation between the DDR and Communist Satellite nations is the responsibility of the Hauptabteilung Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit (WTZ) in the Zentralamt für Forschung und Technik (ZAFT). Cooperation between the DDR and the USSR, however, is handled in a different manner.
2. Prof. Werner Lange, former head of ZAFT, was, until his departure from office, nominal head of WTZ. The actual work, however, was done by (fnu) Erich and (fnu) Bode.<sup>1</sup> Erich is in charge of cooperation with Hungary, Rumania, and Bulgaria; Bode handles Polish, Czechoslovakian, and Chinese affairs. Neither is a scientist nor a technician, but both are convinced Communists.
3. In each Ministry or State Secretariat of the DDR, there is a Research and Development section which parallels the organization and work of WTZ. In these sections are persons who are responsible for scientific and technical cooperation with the Satellites; each such official has instructions to work closely with WTZ. For example, (fnu) Jorger is the competent official in the State Secretariat for Coal and Energy; Prof. (fnu) Hahnel occupies the same capacity in the State Secretariat for Chemistry, Stones and Earths.
4. Erich and Bode are responsible for the preparation of the so-called sessions (Sessionen) which are scheduled twice a year. At those meetings, East German specialists discuss mutual interests with their colleagues from other Soviet Bloc nations. The material which is to be discussed is gathered in advance by Erich and Bode from correspondence and from meetings with various Satellite trade delegations. Matters which may be up for discussion include pure and industrial research, methods of manufacture, construction projects, personnel problems, material, equipment, etc.
5. The two officials in WTZ also collect from their colleagues in the various government offices requests from the DDR for technical advice or assistance from any other Satellite.

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6. The WIZ program calls for a session each spring and another each fall. The following personnel participate in these meetings:
  - a) Prof. Lange: his appearance is usually limited to the end of the conference, when he signs the protocol.
  - b) Varying with the country represented at the particular meeting, either Erich or Bode is present to direct the proceedings.
  - c) Depending upon the matter being discussed, the head or heads of the competent ZAT Fachgebiete are present.
  - d) Usually, but not always, the official in the State Secretariat or Ministry which has an interest in the problem at hand will attend. In decisions of a technical nature, however, the ZAT Fachgebiet representative carries more weight than his opposite number from another DDR office.
  - e) One or more representatives of the Satellite in question. No set procedure for attendance from outside the DDR has been established. Sometimes the nation will send a special representative purely to take part in one meeting. Frequently, however, the foreign delegate will be a member of a trade delegation assigned to the DDR. With one exception, representatives vary from conference to conference; the exception is a specialized, permanently assigned Polish observer.
  - f) Specialists from the technical or scientific field and/or industrial experts are also called into specific meetings for consultation.
7. An agenda for each meeting, listing the satellite and DDR projects which are to be discussed, is issued in advance. The question of cooperation on these problems is talked over at the meeting. The ZAT Fachgebiet representative will indicate if, and to what extent, the DDR is able to comply with a request from the Satellite; if East German cooperation is impossible, the Satellite "withdraws" its request for assistance because, in the eyes of WIZ, no request is ever cancelled.
8. If assistance can be rendered, the conference will decide the method. The ZAT Fachgebiet representative will recommend transmittal of the project to a laboratory, planning office, industrial installation, or to some other competent organization. The conference usually acts upon this advice. If the problem concerns research, it will be incorporated into the ZAT research program and henceforth will be a ZAT research project.
9. The majority of requests from Satellites are for blueprints for industrial installations. If the conference approves the request for aid, WIZ will assign a planning office, such as Konstruktionsbüro Industriebau in Berlin or the Projektierungs-Konstruktions-und Montagebüro in Leipzig, to draw up the blueprints and deliver them to ZAT. ZAT, in turn, transmits the plans to the interested Satellite. The chief of the Fachgebiet concerned is responsible for the conclusion of any accepted project.
10. A session also decides about measures to further scientific and technical cooperation. Such measures in the past have been meetings of experts under the auspices of WIZ and return visits of delegations to inspect industrial and/or technical facilities.
11. At the end of each session, a temporary protocol is established and signed immediately by either Erich or Bode and by the chief of the Satellite delegation. A more detailed report on the proceedings and decisions of the meeting is drawn up on the basis of the initial document by WIZ; the final paper is signed by Lange and the head of the visiting delegation, then forwarded to the chief of the State Planning Commission who also signs.
12. WIZ sessions are the regular but not the sole channel for cooperation between the DDR and the satellites. Occasionally, scientific and technical cooperation is handled on a ministerial level.

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10. The WAT program has not been completely successful in the past. Lack of interest on the part of various Eastern countries and the desire of some nations to receive help have worked against it. Until a year ago, WAT gave technical advice, plans and other services without request for compensation. Currently, however, the office receives return in kind, such as assistance from those nations it helps, or charges money for its services.
11. Poland is the only nation which cooperates regularly and which sends representatives to each meeting. Cooperation between WAT and Hungary had been sporadic until Hungary took a recent interest in the production of coke; this led to closer ties which were formed in 1951 and 1952. Bulgaria has only recently begun to show interest in the program. Rumania has, so far, never sent a delegation to the meetings and has shown no interest in the scheme of cooperation. The Chinese, on the other hand, evidence keen interest in the idea; their representatives regularly attend the sessions and very often call on WAT for technical information.

1.  Comment:  reported that Eric Bode and wife were chiefs of the Hauptabteilung Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit.

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